
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

JANUARY 15, 1863.

Read twice, referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. F. W. KELLOGG, on leave, introduced the following bill:

A BILL

Granting lands to the State of Michigan for the construction of a wagon road for postal and military purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That there be, and hereby is, granted to the State of Michi-
4 gan for the construction of a wagon road for postal and
5 military purposes from Grand Rapids, in said State, through
6 Newaygo, Traverse City, and Little Traverse, to the Straits of
7 Mackinaw, every alternate section of land for two sections in
8 width on each side of said road; but in case it shall appear
9 that the United States have, when the line or route of said
10 road is definitely fixed, sold any section or any part thereof
11 granted as aforesaid, or that the right of pre-emption or
12 homestead has attached to the same, then it shall be lawful
13 for any agent or agents to be appointed by the governor of

14 said State to select, subject to the approval of the Secretary
15 of the Interior, from the lands of the United States nearest to
16 the tiers of sections above specified, so much land in alternate
17 sections or parts of sections as shall be equal to such lands as
18 the United States have sold or otherwise appropriated, or to
19 which the right of pre-emption or homestead has attached as
20 aforesaid, which lands (thus selected in lieu of those sold or
21 to which pre-emption or homestead rights have attached as
22 aforesaid, together with the sections and parts of sections ap-
23 propriated as aforesaid,) shall be held by the State of Michigan
24 for the use and purpose aforesaid: *Provided*, That the lands
25 to be so located shall in no case be further than ten miles
26 from the line of said road, and selected for and on account of
27 said road: *Provided, further*, That the lands hereby granted
28 shall be exclusively applied in the construction of said road,
29 and shall be disposed of only as the work progresses, and
30 the same shall be applied to no other purpose whatsoever:
31 *And provided, further*, That any and all lands heretofore
32 reserved to the United States by any act of Congress, or in
33 any other manner by competent authority, for the purpose
34 of aiding in any work of internal improvement, or for any
35 other purpose whatsoever, be, and the same are hereby,
36 reserved to the United States from the operations of this
37 act, except so far as it may be found necessary to locate the
38 route of said road through such reserved lands, in which

39 case the right of way only shall be granted, subject to the
40 approval of the President of the United States.

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the lands hereby
2 granted to said State shall be subject to the disposal of the
3 legislature thereof, for the purpose aforesaid, and no other;
4 and said road shall be and remain a public highway, free
5 from toll or other charge.

1 SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That said road shall
2 be surveyed and established of a uniform width of eighty
3 (80) feet, the road-bed proper to be not less thirty-two (32)
4 feet wide, and constructed with ample ditches on both sides,
5 with sufficient side drains and substantial bridges and sluices
6 when necessary, with easy grades, nowhere exceeding fifteen
7 degrees, and the central portion not less than twenty (20)
8 feet in width, to be sufficiently raised to form a dry road-bed.

1 SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That if any portion
2 of said road shall remain uncompleted for a period of five
3 years from the passage of this act, the lands granted for such
4 portion shall revert to the United States.